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(57) Abstract: The use of an organosilyl ester as an alkaline hydrolysis or erodability booster for the binder system of a paint formulation is described. The booster is used in paint formulations which require hydrolysis of one or more of the components of the paint in use. The organosilylesters of the invention may also independently be film forming. The organosilyl ester may be the ester of a carboxylic, sulphonic or phosphoric acid. The binder systems of the invention can be used in paint compositions, such as self-polishing antifouling paints.

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